Fraud in the State Bank of Indore, Chandni Chowk Branch

1916. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fraud of about Rs. 35 lakh was detected in the State Bank of Indore, Chandni Chowk (Delhi) branch in June-July, 1983;

(b) whether it is also a fact that two officers of the branch were found involved therein and suspension orders against them was issued;

(c) whether these suspension orders were carried out; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) State Bank of Indore has reported that in connection with a case of fraud at its Chandni Chowk, Delhi Branch involving an amount of Rs. 28.5 lakhs detected in July, 1983, three officials were found to be involved. The Bank has further reported that in connection with this case orders were issued suspending two officials. However, whilst the suspension order was served on one official, the service of the suspension order on the second official was defeered pending scrutiny of his explanation.

Export of gems and jewellery

1917. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned to encourage export of gems and jewellery;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of export during the last three years in terms of value;

(d) whether Government have allowed import of raw material for the development of export quality gems and jewellery;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof;

(f) whether the import of raw material has any impact on the indigenous prices of precious stones and metals; and

(g) if so, what steps Government propose to take to check their prices in order to protect the domestic consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has been taking concerted measures for promoting exports of gem and jewellery which inter alia include revised rates of replenishments, improved bank credit facilities, exemption under Sec., 80 HHC of Income Tax Act., relaxations in the procedure under Gold Control Act (1968), arrangements for stock and supply of gold by Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited (MMTC) for jewellery units in the 100 per cent Special jewellery export complexes, etc.

(c) The Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council has reported that exports of gem and jewellery during the last 3 years have been as follows:

Years	Rs. in Crores
1986-87	2137.27
1987-88	2652.56
1988-89	4565.28 (Provisional)

(d) and (e) Rough diamonds coloured stones, gold and silver etc., which are required for export production are permitted for imports on duty free basis as per specific provisions of Import-Export Policy.

(f) and (g). The import of raw materials is meant for export production and processing.

स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर के महाप्रबन्धक द्वारा धोखाधड़ी

1918. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस तथ्य की जानकारी है कि स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर के महाप्रबन्धक श्री जे० एन० श्रीवास्तव ने

26 जनवरी, 1989 को बड़े-बड़े उद्योगपतियों, खाताधारियों तथा कपड़ा मिलों के प्रतिनिधियों से लाखों रुपए के उपहार प्राप्त किए थे ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस मामले/खर्चे की समीक्षा की गई है ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि श्री श्रीवास्तव ने आयकर विभाग से बचने के के लिए चार्टर्ड एकाउंटेंट से एक झूठी लेखा-परीक्षा रिपोर्ट तैयार करवाई है यदि हां, तो ऐसे उच्च अधिकारियों पर निगाह रखने के लिए सरकार क्या-क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में आर्थिक कार्य विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडवर्डो फलेरियो): स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर ने सूचित किया है कि संबद्ध महा प्रबंधक द्वारा उपहार प्राप्त किए जाने के आरोप प्राप्त हुए थे । लेकिन मामले की जांच करने पर बैंक द्वारा इन आरोपों में कोई सत्यता नहीं पाई गई ।

(ख) बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि जांच से पता चला है कि संबंद्ध अधिकार द्वारा अपनी पुत्री के विवाह में किया गया खर्च ठीक था ।

(ग) बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार कानून की अपेक्षा के अनुसार अधिकारी ने 31-3-89 के लेखा वर्ष के लिए अपनी आय-कर विवरणी भरी थी । बैंक ने आगे सूचित किया है कि अधिकारी की आय का निर्धारण अद्यतन बताया जाता है ।

Complaints by Members of Parliament against some General Managers State Bank of ndia

1919. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from Members of Parliament against some General Managers of the State Bank of India during 1988 and till June, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Government does receive communications from the Members of Parliament on various matters pertaining to banks including State Bank of India. These issues are examined and appropriate action is taken on these communications. In the absence of specific reference to the nature of the complaints and the particulars of General Managers concerned, it is not possible to collect the information asked for. State Bank of India, however, has reported that it has not received any complaint from the Members of Parliament against any General Manager during the year 1988 till date.

"Implementation of afforestation programme in West Bengal"

1920. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that substantial achievement has not been made in respect to afforestation of areas in the State of West Bengal during the current plan period;

(b) whether the Central Government have finalised the proposals for afforestation in West Bengal during the Eighth Plan period, and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir. The total coverage under the afforestation programme in West Bengal in the Seventh Plan period (1985-86 to 1988-89) has been 2.52 lakh hectares as compared to 1.56 lakh hectares during the entire Sixth Plan period (1980-85).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.